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**EXPANDING PARALLEL JAW DEVICE
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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 35 U.S.C. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicant hereby brings the following references to the attention of the Examiner. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
2. Copies of each of the cited references listed on the modified PTO form 1449 are not enclosed. Copies of each of the references were previously provided in the following parent applications: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/341,234, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/351,534 (now Patent 6,264,087) and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/873,682 (now Patent 6,505,768).

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